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Tennessee Health Services And Development Agency
Attn: Mr. Logan Grant, Executive Director
Andrew Jackson Building, 9th Floor
502 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37243

Dr. Mr. Grant:

We respectfully request your consideration of this letter of support in the application process for a Certificate of Need (CON) for Medical Care, LLC at 1500 W Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, TN 37643.

I am writing this support letter as an often unrecognized consumer of the services that Medical Care, LLC provides. Restore Life USA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity whole body donor program based in Elizabethton, TN. We provide anatomical gifts across the globe that support all aspects of basic and applied research with the ultimate goal of curing diseases, improving modalities, product development, and training new and existing surgeons on procedures and novel techniques. We have been able to faithfully rely on existing services at Medical Care, LLC for CT scans, plain film x-rays, and Dual Energy X-ray Absorbiometry (DEXA) scans to assist our researcher and biomechanical engineers in pre-lab planning and specimen selection to provide them the best specimens for their specific needs. Unfortunately, one study that we have been unable to consistently obtain, despite frequent demand, is Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scans of our specimens for research projects. The lack of access to a scanning device has limited our ability to fulfill projects and to recruit new partners as this service is preferred for joint, spine, facial, and neurological research planning. We feel that the ability to obtain MRI services from Medical Care, LLC in an outpatient model protects the anonymity of our specimens, is more safe for all staff relative to a hospital based scanner, and ultimately expands the services that we can provide. When we found out that Medical Care, LLC was applying for a CON for a MRI scanner, we were more than enthusiastic to demonstrate our support and requested your contact information to provide an unsolicited endorsement letter.

We feel that granting a CON to Medical Care, LLC for an outpatient MRI scanner would be a tremendous benefit to the citizen of Elizabethton and surrounding area and specifically, the research contributions that Restore Life USA provides across the world in support of basic and applied research.

If you wish to obtain specific information or discuss this endorsement in greater detail, I can be reached directly at 423-342-6467.



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